

Scout Trails



Cub Pack 967-C

Cub Pack 967-C, sponsored by the El Nido PTA, held its first annual gold dinner on Thursday, Feb. 18, at the El Nido Recreation Hall in Redondo Beach. It was a potluck-style dinner. A very impressive recording of the pledge of allegiance was played for our opening. Mrs. Paul Herring gave our inspirational message. A welcome message was given by Cub Scout Larry Pacheco of Den 2. Cubmaster Bob Hultgren introduced our speakers, those being Lester Foster, principal of El Nido School; Mrs. Paul Herring, president of El Nido PTA; Charles Stewart, councilman of District of Redondo Beach; George Wells, superintendent of Den 4, Redondo Beach; and Hugh Reynolds, O. E. chairman for South Bay District Boy Scouts of America. Our Cub Scout quartet, with Norman Chambers, Den 2; Frank Wells, Den 3; Robert Foy, Den 1; and Matthew Mesplou, Den 1, sang four songs. The following boys gave den reports: Matthew Mesplou, Den 1; Frank Wells, Den 2; and Wayne Le Francois, Den 3. The following awards were presented by Cubmaster Bob Hultgren: From Den 1, Lynn Murphy, Robert pin; Matthew Mesplou, a Silver Arrow and a Bear Badge; Robert Foy, a Lion Badge; James Leslie, Bob pin; Ronald Stevens, Silver Arrow; Richard Stremel, Wolf Badge; and Wayne Aulry, a Bear pin. Den 2: Frank Wells, Bear Badge and Silver Arrow; Robert Lee, Bob pin; Norman Chambers, Bear Badge; Den 3: Harry Harris, Two-year pin and Silver Arrow; Wayne Le Francois, Three-year pin and Silver Arrow.

21 Scouts pitched camp and studied Scoutcraft. At a court of awards held recently, Charles Reintama, advancement chairman, awarded second class badges to Dennis Albright, Larry Reintama, and Richard Johnson. Mike Desjain became a first class Scout and received two merit badges. He was the first member of the troop to become a first class Scout.

Pack 743C

Twenty-nine members of Harbor City Cub Scout Pack 743C recently toured the Marine Museum at Cabrillo Beach. They cooked their own lunch on the beach and toured the harbor in a water taxi. Making the excursion were eight members of Den 7 with their Den Mother, Doris Bourn; assisted by Jean Conshafter; six members of Den 4 with Den Mother, Alice Manikhey; and nine members of Den 1, with Den Mother Juanita Wallich, assisted by Marie Lovell. Dallas Wallich and Otis Lovell helped lead the pack.

Pack 228

Cub Pack 228, sponsored by the Halidale PTA, held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet at the Torrance Moose Hall, Sunday, Feb. 26. Packmaster Louis Funk served as toastmaster for the 200 Cub Scouts and parents who were present.

Pack 211C

Cub Pack 211C, sponsored by the Howard Wood PTA, recently staged their second annual Blue and Gold Banquet at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, according to Mrs. Gordon Jones.

CUB PACK 967-C

At First Blue and Gold Dinner

A Webelos ceremony was given by Cubmaster Bob Hultgren with the following boys acquiring the rank of Webelos: Harry Harris, Wayne Le Francois, Raymond Christian, and Ronald Stremel. A slide painting contest was held recently and the following boys received award ribbons: Den 1, first prize ribbon, Arthur Berthiaume, and second prize to Robert Foy; Den 2, first prize James Paris and second prize to Frank Wells, Den 3 (Webelos den), first prize to Raymond Christian and second prize to Harry Harris. Guests from Los Angeles, were Mrs. John C. O'Brian, president of Norwood Street School PTA; John C. O'Brian; Mrs. Jesse Marquez, president of Santa Barbara PTA; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Deziel, and sons, Robert, Explorer Scout John Deziel of Troop 45, Scout Henry Deziel, of Troop 45, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fischer and children, Ronald and Sharon. All parents participated in group singing. Den Mother appreciation certificates were given to the following Den Mothers: Mrs. Frank Wells, Den 1; Mrs. John Mesplou, Den 2; and Mrs. Doris Harris, Webelos Den.

Lewis Le Francois, committee chairman, in behalf of the boys of the pack, gave special Boy Scout emblem tie clasps to the following committeemen: Bob Hultgren (Cubmaster, Ira Hon (I.R.), Dorr Harris (Secretary-Treasurer), Hugh Thatcher (Awards Chairman), Gordon P. A. (Program Chairman), Keith Stewart (Transportation Chairman), and Harold Stevens. Welcomed to the pack were two new Den Mothers and three new assistant Den Mothers, Mrs. Frances Lee and Mrs. Gloria Hernandez, Den Mothers, and Mrs. Stella Hoch, Mrs. Audrey Herring and Mrs. Patricia Hultgren, assistant Den Mothers. A total of 126 attended the first dinner.

Troop 728
Boy Scouts of Troop 728 recently enjoyed an overnight trip to O'Neil Park, where 21 Scouts pitched camp and studied Scoutcraft. They recently enjoyed an overnight trip to O'Neil Park, where

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Effects of an Early Easter On Retail Volume Examined

Retailers are apparently heading into an Easter selling season that will set new records for volume. However, such is the nature of the merchant that he is finding almost as much room for concern as for rejoicing.

Store statistics, though available in vast volume, don't always tell the whole story. The year started with a four-day work week, due to the New Year holiday, that drove sales sharply downward. It wasn't until Feb. 4 that sales got back above the 1955 mark.

Lincoln's birthday sales, which have been looking up in late years, faltered because that holiday was spottily observed. Nevertheless, sales are now above last year's by fair margins nearly everywhere in the country. And this is in spite of one very missing link—a muffler that reduces by 75 per cent the sound of ground-testing an airplane engine at full throttle.

Industrial Acoustics Co. of New York built the muffler, the first of five, for Republic Aviation Corp., Farmingdale, N. Y., which tested it there. The muffler, made of steel covered with fiber glass, looks like nothing so much as an old-fashioned stationary steam boiler.

The airplane's tail goes into the firebox end, a short wide pipe leading into a large tank. The noise of the engine is channeled into the boiler part—a large insulated steel tank housing a series of sound-absorbing chambers. What's left of the sound, and the unburned portion of the jet's fuel, discharges straight up into the air from a short smokestack at the far end of the tank.

cleaner of non-caustic crystals deodorizes as it scours, say its makers. . . . Twin sound pickups feature a new hearing aid that's built into eyeglasses. . . . A new home circuit-breaker has one pushbutton to restore any circuit. . . . A new apron for outdoor cooks carries out a Western motif with plastic badge and six-shooter.

JET-ROAR MUFFLED—One of the unhappy accompaniments of jet-engine progress has been a great deal of noise, but the same ingenuity that produced the supersonic airplane has been coping with this problem. Members of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences recently saw demonstrated a muffler that reduces by 75 per cent the sound of ground-testing an airplane engine at full throttle.

Europe's railroads are crippled, coal can't be unloaded, ships remain at docks, and rail shipments to Hampton Roads

have been embargoed until the mess is ended. Western Europe's wheat has suffered, and floods expected with warmer weather will block planting of forage crops. U. S. stocks may fall in.

In California, last year's carry-over of canned peaches brings higher prices because the floods are washing out irrigated orchards' water supplies.

BITS O' BUSINESS—All major copper companies are now charging 46 cents a pound for the metal. . . . January newspaper consumption by U. S. newspapers was a record 529,238 tons. . . . Lumber shipments in the Feb. 11 week were 8.5 per cent below 1955's.

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Toastmasters Meet Tuesday

Torrance Toastmasters will meet tomorrow evening, March 6, in Walteria, to pick a club representative for the forthcoming speech contest between the six toastmasters clubs in this area.

Competing will be Bill G. S. Evans, 1239 Beech Ave.; Richard T. Barrett, 22918 Kathryn Ave.; and Kenneth Anderson, 23229 Eschelman Ave., all of Torrance.

Wives of club members have been invited to attend the meeting.

Street Widening Soon

Bids are being accepted for the widening and paving of Lomita Blvd. between Western Ave. and Woodward Ave., according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Chace stated that the bids will be opened and the contract awarded within a month's time.

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